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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Tri M. Mai

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 2, 5, 7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 2, it is noted only one zipper disclosed.

Regarding claims 5, 7, the term “strap” being used to describe hook and loop fasteners are not idiomatic.

Applicant uses the term “securing straps” and “easy securing strap” are not consistent given that this is the same element. Furthermore, these terms are not idiomatic.

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Howard (2008759). Howard teaches a golf club bag having a plurality of connecting elements at one side, i.e., the buckle has at least two connecting elements including the stem, for inserting into the hole and the buckle portions, and a plurality of connecting elements at the other side (plurality of holes).

Regarding claims 4 and 8, note the soft pad in portion 13. portion 13 can be either 1st or 2nd belt as claimed.

3. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rigelsteter (6199737). Rigelsteter teaches a bag having a plurality of connecting elements at one side, and a plurality of connecting elements (straps as claimed) at the other side as shown in Fig.

2. The term “golf bag” does not impart any structure over Rigelsteter.

The handle in Rigelsteter can be flexed into an arch shape.

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4. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by May (3530919). May teaches a bag having a plurality of connecting elements at one side, and a plurality of connecting elements at the other side of the as shown in Fig. 2.

5. Claims 4, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over May in view of Howard. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide soft pads in May as taught by Howard to carry the bag easily.

6. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rausch (5947241). Rausch teaches a bag having a plurality of connecting elements 72 at one side, and a plurality of connecting elements 72 at the other side

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri M. Mai whose telephone number is (571)272-4541. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lee W Young can be reached on (571)272-4549. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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